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**Today's Weather**

It will be hotter than usual, with medium and high clouds and southwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, it will be dusty, with southerly fresh winds and rough seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
	Low	High
Amman	15	27
Aqaba	20	36
Deserts	15	29
Jordan Valley	21	39

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 30, Aqaba 39. Sunset tonight: 6:11 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:58 a.m.



Members endorse the government's determination to keep UNRWA schools open.

## 'Arab disarray' 'abetted Israelis' canal scheme, Jordan U.N. envoy says

By Ahmad Isam Odeh

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 20 — Jordan's permanent representative at the United Nations said today that "a disarray in the Arab World" enabled Israel to go ahead with its plan to construct a canal linking the Dead and Mediterranean

seas. Hazem Nuseibeh, who arrived here yesterday for "consultations with the government," said the Jordan Times that "as a result of the Arab disarray in the Middle East, Israel thought that it was propitious to implement the project."

The project would be "desirable" for Jordan, he said, because anyone who is able to pump water from the Mediterranean to the level of the Dead Sea is able to pump larger quantities to widen the canal in such a way that the project becomes a constructive tool for Jordanian economic facilities.

In addition, Dr. Nuseibeh said, everyone knows the dangers arising from the presence of five nuclear reactors (which Israel is reported to have planned) in the occupied territories. The March 9 radiation leak at the Three Mile Island reactor in Pennsylvania "could have led to a catastrophe in places as far from Pennsylvania as New York City," he said.

The \$800 million canal project, approved on March 29 by the Israeli cabinet, would bring Mediterranean water across the occupied Gaza Strip by pipeline and by canal across the Naqab desert to the cliffs overlooking the Dead Sea. There the water would plummet almost 400 metres to the Dead Sea, the lowest on earth. The energy of the water's fall would drive the turbines of a 600-megawatt power plant.

**Canal's impact**

Dr. Nuseibeh ruled out Israeli claims that the canal is only an "economic" venture. "The project has grave geographic and demographic effects on the area," he said.

Dr. Nuseibeh said that it was an "open secret" that the project would be "indirectly financed by the American taxpayer." A donation campaign in the United States "aims at raising \$100 million a year throughout the (10-year) implementation period for the project. This is to be added to official assistance granted to Israel through Congress and the collections by the various Zionist funds, which amount to millions of tax-exempt dollars."

**New energy schemes**

Dr. Nuseibeh said Jordan "could undertake alternative projects" to counter the Israeli scheme, but these "must be studied carefully." He added, however, that a project to pump water from the Euphrates River in Iraq to Jordan is "a significant and brave step because it is bound to change the East Bank of Jordan to a fertile land, just like it was thousands of years ago."

Another project which Dr. Nuseibeh urged the government to implement is extraction of oil from shale rock. He said he was told by "presidents of big (American) companies that Jordanian shale can produce more than double the 45 gallons (of oil) from a ton of shale currently extracted in Morocco, which in turn is double the production of 150,000 tons a day of leading Colorado company."

Dr. Nuseibeh urged the United Nations to "consider the Palestinian problem in its entirety in the light of all U.N. resolutions. He said the 1967 General Assembly Resolution 242 was meant to "eliminate the trace of Israeli aggression against three Arab states (Jordan, Syria and Egypt). Unfortunately, Israel and its allies succeeded in indirectly involving the entire Palestinian issue (in the resolution) when they introduced a reference to the refugee problem in it."

The resolution "is now 14 years old and the issue at stake now is the regaining of occupied territories which can become a homeland for the Palestinians through negotiations with Jordan to determine the (type of) relations" between them, he said.

## NCC backs government's stand UNRWA has no right to shut schools--Badran

AMMAN, April 20 (J.T.) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran today strongly rejected UNRWA's plans to close its schools in Jordan, reminding the agency that its mandate is an international responsibility decided upon by the United Nations.

Speaking at today's regular session of the National Consultative Council (NCC), Mr. Badran said no quarter whatsoever has the right to take any decision that contradicts U.N. resolutions.

The U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees says it will be forced to close its schools in Jordan and Syria at the end of the current school year unless extra needed funds are forthcoming. The agency's director in Jordan, Mr. John Tanner, was to fly to UNRWA headquarters in Vienna today to discuss the situation. Representatives of UNRWA employees told Mr. Tanner in an angry meeting yesterday that they would reject any dismissal notices sent to them. (See accompanying story)

Prime Minister Badran today called on the international community to shoulder its humanitarian responsibility towards the Palestinian refugees and to seek to cover UNRWA's budget deficit.

"By denying the Palestinians their humanitarian rights granted to them by the international community, UNRWA will be adding another injustice to that done to these people by the Israeli enemy who continues to deny them their national rights," Mr. Badran said.

The Jordanian government, he said, has already informed UNRWA that it rejects any termination of its educational services, and added that the government will pursue its efforts on all international levels to deal with the threat to UNRWA's school programme.

Mr. Badran summed up the government's stand on the issue in the following four points:

— the Palestinian refugees have an indisputable right to benefit from UNRWA's educational services;

— providing the refugees with services is the responsibility of the whole international community;

— the termination of UNRWA's services would be an inhumane act that would multiply the injustice done to the Palestinians by the Israeli occupation of their homeland;

— if educational services to the refugees are dropped, UNRWA's teachers and other employees will be scattered and will add another financial burden with which the Jordanian government definitely cannot cope.

If UNRWA goes ahead with its plans, Mr. Badran said, 204 schools around Jordan would be closed. This would deny some 127,000 students their education and nearly 4,000 teachers and other employees (whose total annual income amounts to \$37 million) their livelihoods, the prime minister said.

Following Mr. Badran's speech, NCC members discussed the issue and voiced support of the government's position. NCC President Ahmad Tarawneh later expressed the council's full support for the government's stand and its appreciation of its relentless efforts to settle the question.

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## Teachers threaten to strike

By Lima Nabli

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Prime Minister Mudar Badran at Monday's NCC session.

## Artillery duels batter Beirut as Sidon buries its 16 dead

BEIRUT, April 20 (A.P.) — An artillery and rocket duel between Syrian troops and rightist militias engulfed central Beirut today, with shells and rockets from multiple launchers falling in residential areas and on the airport.

The state radio and Western reporters said scores of tank, artillery and rocket rounds slammed into residential areas on both sides of the mid-city "Green Line" that divides the capital.

Syrian seaside positions were seen firing Soviet-made ground-to-ground missiles into East Beirut.

The right-wing Falangist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station said three Syrian troops were killed in the flare-up that disrupted a 12-day-old ceasefire between rightists and the Syrians, who oversee Lebanon's 53-month-old civil war armistice. But there was no casualty report from the Syrian command.

The government-run Beirut Radio said several rounds of artillery slammed into the runways of Beirut International Airport, momentarily interrupting traffic at the busy terminal at sundown.

Public Works Minister Elias Hruhi issued orders to the airport staff to "spare no effort to keep the airport functioning." Field guns also bombed the city's Mediterranean harbour from both directions, scuttling government efforts to reopen the port, which has been closed since the outbreak of the rightist-Syrian confrontation in Beirut early this month.

Two leftist groups claimed at sunset that they were firing modified versions of Soviet-made Grad missiles into the port of Jounieh, 19 kilometres north of Beirut.

The governor's office in Sidon, provincial capital of southern Lebanon, said Tyre was shelled by 20 rounds of long-range artillery from the "Free Lebanon" enclave of renegade Lebanese army Maj. Saad Haddad. His estimated 2,000 militiamen are armed, clothed and advised by Israel.

Reports from Tel Aviv said Maj. Haddad's positions traded daylong sporadic artillery fire with Palestinian commandos, with shells falling near a hospital in Marjayoun, the unofficial capital of the enclave, and Maj. Haddad's "Voice of Hope" radio station. But there were no reports of casualties or serious damage.

The Tyre shelling came a day after Maj. Haddad's positions fired a barrage into Sidon, 40 kilometres northwest of Marjayoun, killing 16 people in a crowded cafe and an adjacent restaurant and wounding about 40.

Red Cross sources in the city said three girls from one family died in hospital today from shrapnel wounds they suffered in the Easter shelling as the city observed a day of mourning for the victims.

Israeli jets flew over Sidon as a mass funeral was staged for the dead. Palestinian commandos in a suburban refugee camp fired a barrage of anti-aircraft fire.

Lebanese security police and local leftist militiamen threw a heavy cordon of guards around the Maronite Christian archbishopric and the Greek Catholic cathedral in Sidon during the funeral.

## Minister's memoirs too hot for Sadat regime to handle

CAIRO, April 20 (R) — The best-selling autobiography of one of Egypt's deputy prime ministers, Mr. Osman Ahmad Osman, has been withdrawn from sale after a row over the book's allegations of corruption under the rule of the late president Gamal Abdel Nasser.

The Nasser family has threatened to take legal action against Mr. Osman and a parliamentary committee has been set up to investigate the charges that Nasser associates had bought built at nominal prices.

The distributors of the book, which is entitled "My Experience," said the first edition of 65,000 had sold out in two weeks and a second edition of 20,000 had been withdrawn. They gave no reason.

President Anwar Sadat today told an Egyptian newspaper that he had no prior knowledge of the book's contents.

"The supporters of Nasser seized the opportunity to insinuate that I asked Osman to write what he wrote. They thought they could use it to overthrow the government," the president said.

Mr. Osman, a wealthy building contractor, is one of Mr. Sadat's closest advisers and is related to him by marriage.

Mr. Osman wrote that in the 1960s Nasser associates had paid only \$8,600 for houses worth more than \$140,000.

Mr. Sadat succeeded Nasser in September 1970.

## Tehran frees jailed editor, temporarily lifts ban on paper

TEHRAN, April 20 (R) — Imprisoned newspaper editor Reza Sadr was freed on bail today after two weeks in jail, only hours after a Tehran court temporarily lifted a ban on his paper.

Mr. Sadr, 54, managing editor of the liberal daily Mizan (scales of justice) and a former commerce minister, said he hoped the paper would reappear within two or three days.

He told Reuters at a celebration party at the paper's offices that he had been formally charged with "disturbing peace and security and insulting the disciples of the Imam (Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini)" in connection with two editorials he wrote for Mizan.

Mr. Sadr, looking well and in good spirits, said he had been released on bail of five million rials (\$ 67,000) but that no date had been set for his trial.

The closure of Mizan on April 7, the day after his arrest, deprived Tehran of its leading non-government morning newspaper and left the afternoon daily Islamic Revolution, owned by President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, as the sole major paper opposed to the dominant Islamic Republican Party (IRP). Mr. Bani-Sadr joined the public outcry over the paper's suppression and Mr. Sadr's arrest, ordered by the justice ministry on security grounds.

"But it is unusual that someone of my reputation, who served on the revolutionary council and in the cabinet, should be interrogated for five to six hours at a time behind locked doors, under such tight security that I was even escorted to the washroom."

Former prime minister Mehdi Bazargan, in whose interim government Mr. Sadr served in 1979, and whose son edits Mizan, was in his offices today to greet the released editor.

After conferring with him and other senior staff he said he hoped the paper would reappear next Wednesday.

Mr. Sadr, who once studied theology under Ayatollah Khomeini and was an active opponent of the former Shah's regime, has managed Mizan since its beginning.

He said that until today he had refused to accept bail as a protest against the silencing of the paper. "The people of Iran have justified my protest. With the backing of the public, we hope this will be the end of the threat to the newspaper," he said.

## BANKING SUPPLEMENT

The Jordan Times is publishing a special BANKING SUPPLEMENT next week. Advertisements for it will be accepted until April 26. For all queries about the supplement please contact.

Irshad Najam, at telephone 67171-4 Amman, (3:30 to 5:30 p.m.)

## OPENING of Flowers, Fish and Birds Land

We are glad to announce to the public the opening of Flowers, Fish and Birds Land at the Interior Ministry Circle (on the second floor, above the MEDCO automatic car wash) on Thursday, April 23.

Visitors can see a wide variety of flowers, domestic plants, flower pots and vases, electrical fountains for indoor use, ceramic and wax vases and ornaments, furniture for gardens and verandas, pet fish and aquariums, various birds, pigeons, peacocks and gazelles.

Circle of Interior Ministry, Jabal Al-Hussein P.O. Box 2447

# NATIONAL

At NCC session

## New five-year plan gets a going-over

By Jenab Tutunji

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 20 — Agriculture should get a bigger share of investments in the new five-year plan, legal and administrative hindrances to the growth of industry should be removed, a Jordanian organisation for oil exploration and extraction set up, the refinery made more cost efficient and the two-shift system in schools eliminated, the National Consultative Council (NCC) recommended today.

The council endorsed, with only minor amendments, a list of proposals drafted by a special committee grouping NCC committee presidents, who spent two weeks reviewing the framework of the plan submitted by the government.

One of the main proposals was that at least 10 per cent of total investments in the new plan should be channelled to agriculture, instead of the projected JD 214 million, which amounts to 7.6 per cent. Echoing comments by NCC members during a plan review session on March 30, the committee's report said that food security was a vital issue, and that the potential of the agricultural sector was not being utilised in full.

The NCC agreed that poultry farming and livestock production should also be developed. The public sector should take the initiative, if necessary, in promoting cattle and sheep farming and the dairy industry, it said.

### 'Cut red tape'

More credit should be made available to farmers, pricing policies adopted that would encourage agricultural production and middlemen cut-out of the marketing process. Agricultural research should be boosted; machinery, fertiliser and improved seeds made available to farmers; and hurrayery and duplication of efforts in government bodies responsible for agriculture ought to be eliminated, the NCC decided.

Another committee is now at work reviewing ways to avoid the breakdown of agricultural land into ever smaller plots as a result of inheritance laws. The new five-year plan target for growth in agriculture is an annual seven per cent, which will lead to a decline in the contribution of the agricultural sector to gross domestic product, from 8.3 per cent in 1980 to 7.3 per cent in 1985.

*The NCC's recommendations on the new five-year plan urge that agriculture be given greater weight in development, getting 10 per cent of investments instead of the allotted 7.6 per cent.*

Prime Minister Mudar Badran replied at today's NCC session that investment allocations for the development of water resources in the plan, which amount to JD 115 million, should be added to allocations for agriculture, as these will lead to an increase in the area of permanently irrigated land by 180,000 dunums. This would make investments in the agricultural sector JD 330 million, bringing it up to 12 per cent of total investments within the plan period, which are projected at JD 2.8 billion at current prices.

He pointed out that although production of field crops and meat had declined during the last plan period, which he attributed to drought, nevertheless the average production rates of vegetables, fruit, chicken and eggs destined for the dinner table had been significantly higher than in the 1973-75 three-year plan.

### Water use

The NCC report also said that more should be done to trap and use rainfall in Jordan.

It added that the "encouragement of investment" law and customs tariffs should be reviewed and made to encourage the development of local industry more efficiently. This is mentioned in the framework of the plan.

The report explained, however, that prices for local industrial products are sometimes fixed below cost; customs on raw materials are at times higher than on imported

goods, the shift system presently in use in many schools be gradually phased out by putting up more school buildings and education should be disengaged from a purely academic orientation.

Mr. Badran commented that many of the points raised were already incorporated in the detailed account of plan projects not yet available to the NCC.

The NCC further recommended that it should be made possible for income tax to be paid in advance on a self-assessment basis at the end of each fiscal year; that state-owned lands should not remain idle but be farmed out to developers or put to use by the government itself, and that the government's monetary and fiscal policy should be made an effective instrument for combatting inflation.

The report also noted that in view of the inflow of Arab aid, and the existence of specialised Arab development and lending institutions, project financing should not be a problem. For the same reason, one should not compare Jordan with other developing countries with respect to the economic growth rates attained, it said, implying that the new plan was not ambitious enough.

The report also contained a rather critical review of shortcomings of the previous five-year plan, taking the government to task for falling far short of certain plan targets such as reducing the trade deficit, increasing dependence on domestic revenues and maintaining price stability.

It lamented the difference between projected and achieved growth rates, noting that sometimes the rates achieved were half, at other times double, what was planned.

Mr. Badran replied with a review of the plan, pointing out that respectable economic growth had been achieved despite these shortcomings.

## 3 murderers sentenced to death

AMMAN, April 20 (Petra) — The criminal court today sentenced three people to death for four murders, two of them of non-Jordanians.

The convicts' names were given as Rajeh Isa Shawish, who killed Musa Balush, a Pakistani national; Isma'il Ahmad Abdul Qader Al A'rqaq for killing Odeh Salem Al Huwiti, a Saudi Arabian national and 'Oklah Al Tayyeb, a Jordanian; and Mohammad Qoufha, a Syrian national, for killing Nasser Makazi, a Jordanian and stealing his car.

## Tennis teams off to Baghdad to play Iraqis

AMMAN, April 20 (Petra) — Jordan's national men's and women's tennis teams left Amman today for Baghdad, to play a series of matches with the Iraqi national teams.

The teams' members met yesterday with Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar, who described them as "athletic heroes" and said they should be an example for the young people of Jordan.

The teams' coach, Mr. Hamza Al Shanqiti, said that the tennis players had been practising intensively for the past two weeks in preparation for the matches.



Crown Prince Hassan

## Crown Prince meets Pakistanis

AMMAN, April 20 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan met here last night with a delegation from the Pakistani National Defence College who arrived yesterday for a private visit to Jordan.

At the meeting, Crown Prince Hassan reviewed the Middle East question and Israel's policies which, he said, pose a serious threat to the whole region.

Prince Hassan also explained Jordan's stand vis-a-vis the Arab-Israeli conflict, and its endeavours to restore the rights of the Palestinian people. "The present Israeli policies not only endanger the region's peace," he said, "but also open the door for big power rivalry in the Middle East."

## Desalination in Denver

AMMAN, April 20 (J.T.) — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) participated in a five-day symposium on the desalination of seawater which was held in Denver, Colorado from March 22-27, RSS sources said here today.

Dr. Rizq Ta'ami, who took part in the symposium, said that 40 scientists from 21 countries discussed modern methods of desalinating water by using solar energy.

They also discussed ways of exploiting desalinated water for agricultural and industrial purposes, he said.

## Queen Noor opens children's art show

AMMAN, April 20 (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor opened at the Palace of Culture at Al Hussein Youth City this evening the first exhibition of children's artwork, on the occasion of National Children's Day.

Dr. Izzat Jaradat, the secretary general of the National Committee for the Child, made an address in which he pointed out the significance of this day for the Jordanian child. He said the exhibition was being held on the instructions of Queen Noor, who was the honorary chairman of Jordan's National Committee for the International Year of the Child.

He added that the Arab Conference on Children, held in Tunis in 1980, had recommended that Arab countries designate a national day for the child, as Jordan had already done.

The exhibition contains 500 paintings and drawings by children between the ages of three and six years, representing the various areas of the country. The pictures express the life and world of the child, his talents and capabilities.

Queen Noor distributed commemorative gifts and awards and the emblem of the exhibit to 41 children whose works were chosen as outstanding.

The aim of the three-day exhibition is to create a national tradition by which Jordanian society would celebrate the children's day year, expressing its concern for children and a path for their feelings and world, which characterised by spontaneous creativeness, a committee source said.

The opening ceremony was attended by Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu I Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal, Mrs Sharaif, many parents of the participating children and several guests.

Minister of Social Development In'am A said today that the celebrations to mark National Children's Day will last a week. The various activities undertaken by the ministries of social employment and education in cooperation with Haya Arts Centre and the Friends of CI Society are aimed at providing children with rural activities.

In Jerash, the district governor, Mr. Fay Abbadi, today opened a week-long exhibition of children's paintings at the city's youth centre opening ceremony was attended by government officials and the public.



Her Majesty Queen Noor greets a young admirer at the opening of the children's art exhibition on Monday.

## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1.000	7,500	1.670	1.670	1.670
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	1,000	2.220	2.220	2.220
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	22,412	1.510	1.500	1.500
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	2,500	2.180	2.160	2.180
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1.000	300	1.610	1.610	1.610
Jordan National Bank	JD 5.000	50	16.500	16.500	16.500
Bank of Jordan	JD 5.000	200	16.000	16.000	16.000
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5.000	350	15.400	15.400	15.400
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10.000	130	133.000	131.000	131.000
Al Ezdibar Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	4,350	2.300	2.300	2.300
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	9,212	2.130	2.130	2.130
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1.000	2,450	0.960	0.960	0.960
Arabian Investments and International Trading Co.	JD 1.000	52,210	1.140	1.080	1.100
International Contracting and Investments Co.	JD 1.000	4,000	0.620	0.620	0.620
Livestock and Poultry Co.	JD 1.000	250	9.750	9.750	9.750
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1.000	120,615	1.100	1.070	1.080
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co. (Auction)	JD 1.000	9,476	1.280	1.280	1.280
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1.000	795	1.750	1.750	1.750
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1.000	24,962	1.450	1.410	1.450
General Mining Co.	JD 1.000	1,470	3.580	3.550	3.580
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1.000	5,087	4.680	4.680	4.680
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1.000	11,850	2.100	2.070	2.080
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1.000	300	3.360	3.360	3.360
National Steel Industries	JD 1.000	200	1.150	1.120	1.150
Dar Al Dawaa' Development and Investment Co.	JD 1.000	649	1.560	1.550	1.550
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1.000	350	3.460	3.450	3.450
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1.000	1,150	5.900	5.860	5.860
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1.000	230	29.500	29.450	29.450
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 1.000	1052	8.450	8.440	8.450
Jordan Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5.000	150	18.550	18.540	18.550
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5.000				
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10.000				

Total volume of shares traded on Monday, April 20, 1981: JD 447,858

Total number of shares traded: 303,250

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Exhibitions

Exhibitions of children's art work, marking National Children's Day, are on display at the school building in the east wing of the Yarmouk University dorm, and at the Palace of Culture in Sports City.

The Soviet Cultural Centre presents an exhibition in honour of the Soviet leader Lenin. The exhibition opens to the public at 6 p.m. at the centre near Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

The American Centre presents an exhibition of paintings and drawings of Jerusalem and the Jordanian landscape, by Ivy Nasir. The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the centre's auditorium, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

The Jordan Distribution Agency presents an exhibition of Soviet books in Arabic and English, covering various subjects, as well as a wide range of children's books. The exhibition opens daily at 10 a.m. at the University of Jordan Library.

The Jordan Engineers' Association presents an exhibition of the work of Jordanian architects, at the Professional Associations Complex in Shmeisani.

The Franco-Jordanian Friendship Association, in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, presents an exhibition of "Tapestries of Madaba and the Handicraft Industry of Jordan", at the French Cultural Centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.

The Spanish Embassy presents an exhibition of Spanish paintings depicting the fountains in the public squares of Madrid, at Yarmouk University in Irbid.

### Film

The Goethe Institute presents "Nachtdienst" (1975), directed by E. Zehrowski and K. Zanussi. The film tells the story of an old woman who employs a nurse and practises against her all forms of social oppression. The show starts at 8 p.m. at the institute in Jabal Amman (in German, with English sub-titles).

### Lecture

The Soviet Cultural Centre presents a lecture commemorating the Soviet leader Lenin, by the first secretary of the embassy, Mr. Leonid Permiakov. The lecture starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a film telling Lenin's life story. The programme will take place at the centre, near Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

### Videotape Programme

The American Centre presents a videotape summary of CBS television news for the past week. The tape will be shown at noon and 4 p.m., at the centre's auditorium, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

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## Symposium on vocational education concludes here

AMMAN, April 20 (J.T.) — Jordan's symposium on vocational education concluded its meetings at the Amman Chamber of Industry today. The symposium, organised in collaboration among the Labour Ministry, the Arab Institute for Labour Education and the Labour Research Centre in Baghdad, began on April 15.

The Labour Ministry's under-secretary, Mr. Tayseer Abdul Jabbar, praised in his concluding speech the recommendations which the symposium adopted "because they are beneficial to the labour movement in Jordan."

The recommendations include the participation of workers' development plans, allotting a ratio of the profits of companies to the purpose of labour education, effective support for the workers in the occupied Arab areas and the rejection of any decisions banning an increase in wages.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

AMMAN, April 20 (J.T.) — The cabinet has decided to appoint Dr. Abdullah Nsour the under-secretary of the Finance Ministry director general of the Income Tax Department, Al Ra'i newspaper reported today. The current director of the department is Dr. Saleh Khasasneh.

AMMAN, April 20 (Petra) — The Ministry of Labour has completed work on the draft of a new labour law, the minister under-secretary, Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jabbar, announced today. He said that the ministry will call the various teams who worked on the law to a general meeting and final discussion next week before referring the law to the prime minister's office.

KARAK, April 20 (Petra) — The municipality of Ader Irbid embarked a JD 6,000 project to build a medical centre the town mayor has announced. He said also that the municipality will start to build two new wings on the boys' and girls' secondary schools, a cost of JD 120,000, including six classrooms for each school.

AMMAN, April 20 (Petra) — The under-secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jabbar, left for Baghdad today to take part in the seventh board meeting of the Arab Labour Organisation. At the three-day meeting starting tomorrow, the board will discuss among other things the 1981 programme of Arab Labour Office and will review subjects to be tackled by the International Labour Organisation's 67th meeting.

KARAK, April 20 (Petra) — The district governor of Aqaba today endorsed the JD 27,262 budget of the Jad'a Al Jobour village council. JD 8,500 of the budget will go to build classrooms, 6,000 is for building a new village council hall, JD 9,500 is opening roads and JD 1,300 will be used to consolidate the village school building.

AMMAN, April 20 (J.T.) — A delegation from the Libyan Agricultural Bank arrived here on Saturday for a two-week visit. The nine-member delegation will meet with the director and officials of the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) to look into the corporation's lending systems, and will attend a training course and tour various agricultural projects undertaken by the ACC.

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### Neglect no more

BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's visit to the Gulf this week highlights both the possibilities and the missed opportunities that characterize British-Arab relations, and broader European-Arab ties as well. It was rather peculiar, but cute nevertheless, for Mrs. Thatcher to start her visit to Saudi Arabia by telling her hosts that Britain had "neglected" the Gulf area in the 1970s, but was now keen to open a new chapter in Gulf-British ties. The English have always had a special touch in human relations.

The emergence of Great Britain as self-sufficient in its energy needs, thanks to North Sea oil, gives it common interests with the Gulf oil producers in maintaining a fair value for internationally traded crude oil and refined products. It is also proving to be a credible alternative to the United States in highly technical fields that are now in demand in the Gulf, such as, to mention only the most dramatic, armaments and civilian aircraft. The first indications of an independent British and European political posture in the Middle East, however, have been slow to mature into an emphatic counterforce to the American-engineered Camp David process. This is where we now look to Great Britain to assume a new leadership role that is commensurate with its economic revival, and with its shared interests with the Arab World. It is one of the few Western states that is immune to the charge of being guided by fear of Arab oil "blackmail". We hope it will make use of its manoeuvrability.



## NEWS ANALYSIS

### Shimon Peres' web of lies

By Robert Little

THE timely intervention by Mr. Nabil Ramlawi, London representative of the PLO, in denouncing the deceptions of Mr. Shimon Peres' Israeli Labour Party has come not a moment too soon.

In the current issue of his monthly newsletter, The Palestine Report, Mr. Ramlawi devotes the whole of its contents to calling attention to the "favourable reception of the (Labour Party) programme by some quarters and the exaggerated publicity which surrounded it," which has "helped to create the misleading impression that a breakthrough in the deadlocked peace process has been reached." The magazine goes on to demonstrate how this feeling of optimism is totally unfounded and based on a series of false premises.

By publishing for the first time in English a full translation from

the Hebrew of the official text of the Labour Party's policy and programme, the PLO London representative has provided a great service for all in Europe and elsewhere who would wish to understand the inherent deviousness of Zionist party politics.

To ensure that his message made the maximum impact, Mr. Ramlawi held a press conference to announce that a memorandum had been sent to the British Foreign Office and personal letters to the leaders of the Labour and Liberal parties. Mr. Michael Foot and Mr. David Steel pointing out that the Israeli Labour Party's proposal for the occupied territories and East Jerusalem "totally negates the Palestinian national rights conceded by the international community." Similar steps it was announced, have also been taken by the PLO representatives in other Western capitals.

Mr. Ramlawi's move is timely because it comes at a moment when American and European public opinion is being carefully manipulated and "skillfully misled" into the belief that most of the disastrous steps taken in Israeli foreign affairs has been the sole responsibility of the Likud Party and its leader, Prime Minister Menachem Begin. As Mr. Ramlawi says: "Indeed, after four years of Menachem Begin's regime, Western observers might be forgiven for believing that any alternative will be an improvement."

In this respect, it has become increasingly apparent that there is a mood of optimism in the West that the possible election of Mr. Peres in June, as the new Israeli prime minister at the head of a Labour administration, will prompt a settlement of the Palestine question.

In the words of that well-known poem: "Oh what a web of lies we weave, whenever we set out to deceive." The web of lies that Mr. Peres and his Labour Alignment

Group are at present diligently weaving could well end up by deceiving themselves.

In his address to the British Board of Deputies and Jewish communal leaders last week, Mr. Peres made no secret that his party's programme "rejects the establishment of a Palestinian state in the territory between Israel and Jordan which would be a source of danger and hostility..." Endorsing Mr. Begin's declared support for the Jordanian "option", clause 13 of the Israeli Labour Party policy programme makes it clear that "the Palestinian problem cannot be solved in a separate state without the territory and population of Jordan, the majority of which is Palestinian."

It was at this same London meeting, incidentally, that Mr. Peres poured scorn on the EEC's Venice Declaration. Conveniently ignoring the role being played by his country's U.S. military and financial backers, he said that Israel did not need to be encouraged to make peace with its Arab neighbours. Nor would any government of his accept settlement terms which required outside guarantees "to ensure her security afterwards."

Then with pompous arrogance he went on: "We defended our country in the past without European help and we are quite capable of doing it in the future. Whatever is decided about the West Bank, we shall not ask the Americans to defend us, and not even the French," he declared.

Is this then a reflection of the flexible and moderate image that Peres has been working so assiduously to impress on Western leaders during his recent tours to Europe and the United States? Or, on the other hand, are they not the honest views of a totally inflexible, closed-minded bigot who, depending on the mood and the moment, would say anything to

achieve his personal ambition

In an analysis of the Israeli Labour Party's electoral program the PLO newsletter points out Article 37, after having disposed of the PLO's rights to participate in negotiations, the prospect Labour government would set up a quising alternative, I would take the form of "horrid representatives of the inhabitants of Judca, Samaria, Gaza" who would be "co-opted into the negotiations on a falsification of the autonomy and peace negotiations with Jordan. What the Israeli Labour Party does not say is how it propose to go about finding such "authoritative representatives of the inhabitants" to co-opt into its one-sided negotiations, in the of united Palestinian opposition.

With a similar blind center for the feelings and opinions of others, Article 36 declares blithely that under a Labour government "Israel will strive for associated status under the Treaty of Rome," and "will work for an enhanced understanding with states of Western Europe, making her criticism heard of her terms and attitudes of institutions and states in the community, which show signs of leniency toward the anti-Jewish and policies of the PLO."

Like the Likud and other Israeli political parties, Labour Party firmly entrenched in the Zionist conviction that there is no state of earth and that state is Israel. Only Israel has rights and is entitled to consideration. Anyone who does not agree with this view is guilty of blasphemy. If anything close and careful examination of the Labour Party's programme suggests only one thing, And that is that once in power, given a free run by the United States and its particular the Western governments, they could end up by out-Beginning Menachem Begin.

### ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

**AL RA'I:** Despite the substantial decrease in UNRWA's budget deficit, the agency's officials continue their threats to end educational services in Jordan and Syria. This can be interpreted as if what is the termination is intended irrespective of the agency's finances.

In order to end these threats, the problem should be taken from the hands of the UNRWA commissioner general and the regional director, and placed before the United Nations itself.

The existence of UNRWA is an affirmation to the Palestinian people that the international community will continue to shoulder its responsibility towards their problem, and any move to absolve it of this responsibility should be made by the international community itself, represented in the U.N. General Assembly.

We call on all Arab states to summon all their strength and that of their friends to submit the problem of UNRWA to the United Nations, and to work through all channels to prevent the attempts to liquidate UNRWA, because such attempts are a prelude to the liquidation of the whole Palestine issue.

**AL DUSTOUR:** On Sunday, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher began a visit to Saudi Arabia. She is there to have talks with Saudi officials on world economic and political problems, the situation in the Gulf area and the Middle East and bilateral relations.

Although Mrs. Thatcher is the first British prime minister to visit Saudi Arabia, the visit comes in the midst of eventful developments, on which great deal depends as far as Britain's relations with the Arab World are concerned.

What Mrs. Thatcher should do is talk to the Arabs in a language different than the language of the Balfour Declaration and the ambiguously formulated Resolution 242. She should understand the developments which have taken place in the area and their impact on the area's peoples, including those peoples' opposition to alliances and their sensitivity to imperialistic and opportunistic policy.

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#### CHANNEL 3

- 4:00 ..... Koran
- 4:10 ..... Cartoons
- 4:25 ..... Zeinich
- 4:50 ..... Play of Ali Baba
- 6:00 ..... Dr. Who
- 6:25 ..... Young and Restless
- 6:40 ..... A film on handicapped children
- 7:10 ..... Programme Preview
- 7:25 ..... Programme on Health
- 8:30 ..... News in Arabic
- 9:30 ..... Local Programme
- 10:15 ..... Arabic series
- 11:15 ..... Dallas

#### CHANNEL 6

- 6:00 ..... French programme
- 7:00 ..... News in French
- 7:30 ..... News in Hebrew
- 8:00 ..... News in Arabic
- 8:30 ..... Comedy: House Calls
- 9:10 ..... Fantasy Island
- 10:00 ..... News in English
- 10:15 ..... Documentary
- 11:15 ..... Dallas

### RADIO JORDAN

#### 855 KHZ AM & 99 MHz FM

- 7:00 ..... Sign on
- 7:01 ..... Morning Show
- 7:30 ..... News Bulletin
- 7:40 ..... Morning Show
- 10:00 ..... News Headlines
- 10:30 ..... Pop Session
- 11:00 ..... Sign off
- 11:00 ..... News Headlines
- 12:03 ..... Pop Session
- 13:00 ..... News Summary
- 13:03 ..... Pop Session
- 14:00 ..... News Bulletin
- 14:10 ..... Instrumentals
- 14:30 ..... Melody Time
- 15:00 ..... Concert Hour
- 16:00 ..... News Summary
- 16:03 ..... Instrumentals
- 16:30 ..... Old Favourites
- 17:00 ..... Now Music
- 17:30 ..... Pop Session
- 18:03 ..... News Summary
- 18:03 ..... First Spin
- 18:30 ..... Top Twenty
- 19:00 ..... News Desk
- 19:30 ..... Music
- 20:00 ..... Evening Show
- 21:00 ..... News Summary
- 21:03 ..... Evening Show
- 22:00 ..... Close down

### BBC WORLD SERVICE

#### 639, 720, 1413 KHZ

- GMT
- 04:00 Newdesk 04:30 Aria 04:45
- Financial News 04:55 Reflections
- 05:00 World News 24 Hours News
- Summary 05:30 Intermezzo 05:45
- The World Today 06:00 Newdesk

### 06:30 Sarah and Company 07:00

- World News; 24 Hours News Summary 07:30 Diverimento
- 07:45 Network U.K. 08:00 World News; Reflections 08:15 Europa
- 08:30 Baker's Half-Dozen 09:00 World News; British Press Review
- 09:15 The World Today 09:30 Financial News 09:40 Look Ahead
- 09:45 The English Miniature 10:00 Discovery 10:30 John Peel 11:00 World News; News about Britain
- 11:15 Letter from London 11:25 Scotland this Week 11:30 Sports International 12:00 Radio Newsweek 12:15 Famous Opera Houses
- 12:45 Sports Round-up 13:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 13:30 Network U.K. 13:45 A Jolly Good Show 14:30 With Great Pleasure; Laurens Van Der Post 15:00 Radio Newsweek 15:15 Outlook 16:00 World News; Commentary 16:15 Baker's Half Dozen 16:45 The World Today 17:00 World News; Scotland This Week 17:15 My Word 17:45 Sports Round-up 18:00 World News; News about Britain 18:15 Radio Newsweek 18:30 Nature Notebook 18:40 Farming World 19:00 Outlook; News Summary 19:30 Stock Market Report 19:43 Look Ahead 19:45 Classical Record Review 20:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 20:30 Show and Elgar 20:45 With Great Pleasure 21:15 The Pleasure's Your's 22:00 World News; The World Today 22:25 Scotland This Week 22:30 Financial News; 22:40 Reflections 22:45 Sports Round-up 23:00 World News; Commentary 23:15 Classical Record Review 23:30 Brain of Britain 1981

### VOICE OF AMERICA

- GMT
- 03:30 The Breakfast Show: 06:30 News, Pop music, features, listeners' questions, 17:00 News Roundup; reports, opinion, analyses, 17:30 Dateline 18:00 Special English; news, feature "The Making of a Nation," 18:30 Now Music USA 19:00 News Roundup; reports, opinion, analyses, 19:30 VOA Magazine; Americana, science, culture, letters, 20:00 Special English; news 20:15 Music USA (Jazz) 21:00 VOA World Report 22:00 News, Correspondents' reports, background features, media comments, analyses.

### AMMAN AIRPORT

#### ARRIVALS

- 7:40 ..... Cairo (EA)
- 8:30 ..... Jeddah
- 8:55 ..... Aqaba
- 9:15 ..... Kuwait
- 9:30 ..... Dubai, Abu Dhabi
- 9:40 ..... Dhahran
- 9:55 ..... Beirut

### 11:05 Riyadh, Dhahran (SV)

- 15:30 ..... Kuwait (KAC)
- 15:30 ..... New York
- 16:15 ..... Cairo
- 16:15 ..... Copenhagen, Athens (SK)
- 17:10 ..... Madrid, Athens
- 17:15 ..... New York, Amsterdam
- 17:25 ..... London (BA)
- 17:30 ..... Amsterdam, Athens (KLM)
- 17:30 ..... Paris
- 17:45 ..... Cairo
- 18:00 ..... London
- 18:25 ..... Cairo (EA)
- 18:45 ..... Rome
- 18:45 ..... Paris, Beirut (LH)
- 19:05 ..... Frankfurt, Damascus (LH)
- 19:45 ..... Frankfurt (MEA)
- 20:00 ..... Beirut (MEA)
- 01:00 ..... Cairo
- 01:00 ..... Baghdad

### DEPARTURES:

- 7:00 ..... Aqaba
- 7:00 ..... Beirut
- 8:55 ..... Cairo (EA)
- 9:25 ..... Beirut (MEA)
- 10:00 ..... Frankfurt
- 10:15 ..... Rome
- 11:00 ..... Vienna, New York
- 11:00 ..... Houston
- 11:15 ..... Athens, Copenhagen
- 12:05 ..... Geneva, Brussels
- 12:05 ..... Riyadh, Dhahran (SV)
- 12:30 ..... Cairo
- 14:00 ..... Cairo
- 16:30 ..... Kuwait (KAC)
- 18:20 ..... Damascus (KLM)
- 19:30 ..... Kuwait
- 19:40 ..... Cairo (EA)
- 20:00 ..... Cairo
- 20:30 ..... Baghdad
- 20:30 ..... Abu Dhabi, Bangkok
- 20:30 ..... Jeddah
- 21:00 ..... Baghdad
- 21:15 ..... Dubai, Muscat

### EMERGENCIES

- DOCTORS: .....
- Civil Defence rescue .....
- Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency) 36381-2
- Municipal water service (emergency) 37111-3
- Police headquarters 39141
- Najdah moving patrol rescue police, (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency 21111, 37777
- Airport information (ALLA) 92205/92206
- Jordan Television 73111
- Radio Jordan 74111

- Zarqa: Ahmed Al Sa'ad ..... 52580
- Irbid: Ameen Abu-Ideh ..... 4468
- PHARMACIES: .....
- Amman: 23672
- Nairoukh: 36730
- Al-Salam: 61912
- Adnan: 39652
- Kurtuba: (-)
- Zarqa: (-)
- Nuba: (-)
- Irbid: (-)
- Nabulsi: (-)
- TAXIS: .....

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- Al-Urdun ..... 23050
- Basmam ..... 56736
- Mishaf ..... 44574
- Al Sabah ..... 76748

### CULTURAL CENTRES

- American Centre ..... 41520
- British Council ..... 36147-8
- French Cultural Centre ..... 37009
- Goeite Institute ..... 41993
- Soviet Cultural Centre ..... 24629
- Spanish Cultural Centre ..... 39777
- Turkish Cultural Centre ..... 65195
- Yasa Arts Centre ..... 67181
- Al Hussein Youth City ..... 41793
- Y.W.M.A. ..... 64251
- Amman Municipal Library 36111
- University of Jordan Library ..... 843555/843666

### SERVICE CLUBS

- Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Grand Palace Hotel, 1.30 p.m.
- Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 1.30 p.m.
- Rotary Club. Meetings every Thursday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m.

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- Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 23316
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- Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Friday) and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. 30128
- Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munataah, Jabal Lusiweidh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays.

### PRAYER TIMES

- Fajr ..... 3:26
- Sunrise ..... 4:59
- Dhuhr ..... 11:37
- 'Asr ..... 3:16
- Maghreb ..... 6:15
- Isha ..... 7:34

### LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

- Saudi riyal ..... 96.6/98
- Lebanese pound ..... 80.6/82
- Syrian pound ..... 50.4/51.3
- Iraqi dinar ..... 743/751
- Kuwaiti dinar ..... 1181/1184
- Egyptian pound ..... 394/399
- Qatari riyal ..... 85/85.3
- Omani riyal ..... 942/947
- U.S. dollar ..... 705/708
- U.K. sterling ..... 149.2/150.1
- Swiss franc ..... 162.8/164
- Italian lire (for every 100) ..... 302/302
- French franc ..... 63.764
- Dutch guilder ..... 134.7/135.5
- Swedish crown ..... 69.1/69.5
- Belgium franc ..... 91.1/91.6
- Japanese yen (for every 100) ..... 150.3/151.2

### MARKET PRICES

- Tomatoes ..... 220
- Eggplant ..... 150
- Potatoes (imported) ..... 130
- Marrow (small) ..... 120
- Marrow (large) ..... 60
- Cucumber (small) ..... 220
- Cucumber (large) ..... 110
- Peas ..... 250
- String beans ..... 280
- Potatoes (local) ..... 160
- Lettuce (head) ..... 50
- Cauliflower ..... 70
- Bell pepper ..... 40
- Cabbage ..... 140
- Spinach ..... 120
- Onions (dry) ..... 130
- Onions (green) ..... 190
- Garlic ..... 190
- Carrots ..... 90
- Turnips ..... 70
- Bananas ..... 270
- Bananas (from makbmar) ..... 200
- Dates ..... 325
- Apples (American, Japanese) ..... 250
- red, waxed) ..... 440
- Apples (Double Red) ..... 250
- Apples (Starken) ..... 200
- Apples (Golden) ..... 240
- Oranges (Shamouti) ..... 170
- Oranges (Valencia) ..... 150
- Oranges (Waxed) ..... 110
- Grapefruit ..... 110
- Lemon ..... 240
- Coconut (apiece) ..... 180
- Water Melons ..... 250

### FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, APR. 21, 1981

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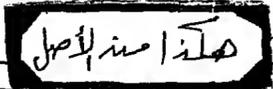
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# MIDDLE EAST

## Strengthening the leading position of moderate Fateh Palestinian Parliament elects PLO executive committee

SCUS, April 20 (R) — Palestinian parliament ended a nine-day session electing a new executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) appeared to strengthen the position of the moderate Fatah group.

Dr. George Habbash, which pulled out in 1974. The success of the PFLP representative, Mr. Ahmad Yamani, was greeted with wild applause second only to that for Mr. Arafat as the parliament, the Palestine National Council (PNC), ended its work at the Syrian Trade Union headquarters in Damascus.

Two relatively new commando groups, the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF) and the Popular Struggle Front (PSF), failed in their efforts to be admitted to the executive committee. Speakers for both groups protested at their exclusion at tonight's closing session, but the new make-up was approved overwhelmingly on a show of hands by the PNC, which has now swelled from 301 to 314 seats.

Delegates expressed some surprise that the pro-Syrian group Sa'iqah had agreed to stay with only one representative following the increase of the Fatah contingent. Sa'iqah's representative, Mr. Zuhair Mohsen, was assassinated in France in 1979. Hagglng over the committee lasted throughout the PNC session and the final version was reached at an all-night meeting of the PLO leadership which ended at 7 a.m. yesterday.

The new committee, in which Fatah is the only group to have more than one representative, numbers eight members of commando groups and seven independents, the first time commandos have outnumbered independents. Delegates were unanimous in viewing the committee as another diplomatic triumph for Mr. Arafat, who was re-elected as its chairman. The last PNC session in 1979 failed to agree on a committee.

The PNC yesterday also approved parts of a political resolution, including a preamble and a section welcoming a proposal by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev for an all-party conference on the Middle East. Mr. Brezhnev's proposal, a resurrection of a long-standing Kremlin plan for a conference under Soviet and United States chairmanship, came at the Soviet Communist Party Congress earlier this year.

But other sections of the resolution, believed to include controversial issues such as the European Middle East peace initiative, were referred to the executive committee for final drafting. A separate nine-man committee will issue a statement on the session later on. Mr. Arafat told last night's session that the PNC had technically ended its term of office, but would retain its functions until a new council can be elected within the next year.

The number of supplementary PNC members from Israeli-occupied territories would be increased from 102 to 180, he said. They are non-voting members as Israel does not allow them to attend PNC sessions. The make-up of the new executive committee is as follows: Yasser Arafat (chairman), Farouk Kaddoumi, Mahmoud Abbas (all Fatah), Abdul Rahim Ahmad (Arab Liberation Front, Irqsi-backed), Talal Naji (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine), Yasser Abed Rabho (Democratic front for the Liberation of Palestine), Ahmed Yamani (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine), Mohammed Khalifa (Sa'iqah, pro-Syrian).

## German chancellor tells 3 Saudi dailies Israel does not influence our arms sales—Schmidt

BEIRUT, April 20 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt assured Saudi Arabia in a series of interviews published today that no "army" would influence Germany's decision to sell arms to the kingdom.

Schmidt, who is due to visit Riyadh next week, told three Saudi newspapers that West Germany only exports arms to other members of the Western alliance and decided on each sale individually. He added that only West German national interests dictated the country's arms policy and would not allow any "third party" to influence his decision. His remarks were also published in the official Saudi Press Agency.

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He has strongly opposed any sale of West German Leopard II tanks to Saudi Arabia. Mr. Schmidt, who said last month he was in Saudi Arabia, told the newspapers Al Riyadh, Al-Madina and Al-Madina that the West German government spent more time discussing the issue with the two governments involved. The question is expected to be high on the agenda of his talks in Riyadh.

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Iraq severed its diplomatic relations with North Korea last October amid accusations that the Pyongyang government was helping Iran in the Gulf war. The sources said the new relations at consular level with South Korea reflected only the large commercial links between the two countries. South Korean companies are active in construction and other areas of the Iraqi economy.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This table was published in Focus, a bulletin of the National Association of Arab Americans.

## Israeli and Lebanese Surrogate Attacks in South Lebanon, 1980<sup>1</sup>

Date	Place	Method	Killed <sup>2</sup>	Wounded
Feb. 7	S. Lebanon	Israeli troops	none	none
March 17-21	Tyre, Sidon, Hailieh, Salhieh, Ein El Delb, Qraybeh	Israeli 130 mm artillery	4	14
April 6	S. Lebanon	Maj. Saad Haddad's forces	none	1 Irish (UNIFIL)
April 12	S. Lebanon	Haddad's forces	1 UNIFIL militiaman	none
April 18	Ras el-Shaq	Isr. sea troops	6-20 <sup>3</sup>	none
May 8	Lebanese coast	Israeli troops	4	none
May 15-16	Tyre area	Israeli gunboats, helicopters, and a destroyer	11	17
May 16-18	S. Lebanon	Haddad's artillery	6	none
May 23	Sidon	Haddad's artillery	3	14
June 5	S. Lebanon	Israeli gunboats	1	3
June 24	Tyre	Israeli artillery	none	none
June 30	near Kasmieh	Isr. copters/boats	11-13	29
July 15	Saida, Tyre, Hasbaya	Haddad's artillery	5	18
Aug. 3	Tyre & area	Isr./Hadd. artillery	none	none
Aug. 11	Tyre & area	Isr./Hadd. artillery	none	none
Aug. 18	S. Lebanon	500 Israeli troops, jets, artillery	44 <sup>3</sup>	14 grl
Aug. 21	Nabatiyah	Israeli artillery	3 Israelis	12 Isr
Aug. 27	S. Lebanon	Isr. jets/gunboats	1	7
Aug. 29	S. Lebanon	Isr. jets/copters	none	none
Sept. 4	Abassiyeh	Israeli jets	none	1, 4 U.N.
Sept. 17	Tyre	Isr./Hadd. artillery	none	none
Sept. 18	Tyre, Rashadiyah	Isr. sea troops	6	14
Sept. 19	Tyre	Isr. jets, gunboats, Haddad artillery	1	none
Oct. 17	S. Lebanon	Isr. troops	10	none
Oct. 22	Damur	Isr. jets	30	30
Nov. 14	Sidon	Haddad artillery	1	9
Nov. 20	Rashidiyah	Isr./Hadd. troops	none	none
Dec. 3	S. Lebanon	Isr. boats/copters	6	5
Dec. 18	S. Lebanon	Isr. copters/artillery	none	none
TOTAL			171	192

<sup>1</sup>This list is compiled from available sources and does not necessarily represent all attacks or casualties. Sources: New York Times, Washington Star, Christian Science Monitor, Associated Press, Congressional Research Service, Jewish Telegraph Agency, Arab News, PLO Information Bulletin, Americans for Justice in the Middle East News.  
<sup>2</sup>All figures are for civilians, mostly women and children, unless otherwise noted.  
<sup>3</sup>These are figures claimed by Israeli sources (April 18) and by NYT (Aug. 18) as "guerrillas."

Note: According to U.S. sources, the number of times Israeli soldiers entered U.N.-controlled zones jumped from more than 400 in May of last year to more than 2,000 in each of the last three months of 1980. Also, of the 18 guerrilla infiltrations into Israel last year, only one was successful.

## Riyadh can but won't cut output

RIYADH, April 20 (R) — Saudi Planning Minister Hisham Nazer believes Saudi Arabia could have its present oil output to five million barrels a day (b/d) and still easily meet its financial goals, the weekly magazine Saudi Business reported.

He quoted him as saying in an interview that he thought Saudi Arabia should produce oil to meet market conditions and he did not favour under-producing to force up prices. Mr. Nazer said that in the long-term "we are not either for producing to cause a glut or under-producing to cause an increase in prices."

His interviewer, according to the magazine's text, said it was evident that Saudi Arabia, with output now at 10.3 million b/d, was at present over-producing, letting a surplus develop "with the specific objective of forcing other producers to temper their price demands and agree to a long-term (OPEC) price strategy".

He did not foresee any time when spending under a 783 billion Saudi riyal (\$234 billion) development plan for 1980-85 would exceed oil revenues. The minister is among advocates in the Saudi government of production cuts as early as possible to return Saudi output to — or closer to — a preferred 8.5 million b/d ceiling.

Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani recently suggested Saudi Arabia might have to drop output below that in seven to 10 years. Sheikh Yamani said further sharp price rises could force the West to turn away from oil as a prime energy source and this could have disastrous implications for Saudi Arabia.

## Iraq limits S. Korea links

BAGHDAD, April 20 (R) — Iraq's decision last week to establish consular relations with South Korea was taken for economic reasons and did not mean political recognition, well-informed sources said here today. Iraq severed its diplomatic relations with North Korea last October amid accusations that the Pyongyang government was helping Iran in the Gulf war.

## MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

### Egypt to compensate Greeks for nationalisation

CAIRO, April 20 (R) — Egypt and Greece today signed several agreements controlling the movement of labour, the employment of sailors and settling outstanding debts between the two countries. The agreements, signed by the visiting Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis, and his Egyptian counterpart Kamal Hassan Ali also included an agreement compensating Greeks whose property was nationalised by Egypt in the sixties. President Anwar Sadat received Mr. Mitsotakis earlier today and gave him an open invitation to Greek President Constantine Karamanlis to visit Egypt. Mr. Mitsotakis reciprocated on behalf of the Greek president.

### Iraq, USSR meet to boost cooperation

BEIRUT, April 20 (R) — Soviet and Iraqi economic teams opened talks in Baghdad tonight on boosting cooperation between their two states, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said. It said the Iraqi delegation to the 11th session of the permanent committee of economic and technical cooperation between Iraq and the Soviet Union was headed by Industry Minister Tahir Tawfik. The Soviet delegation was headed by State Committee for External Economic Relations Chairman Semyon Skachkov, who arrived in Baghdad yesterday. The agency said the committee had formed six sub-committees to study cooperation in the fields of industry, irrigation, agriculture, energy, oil, gas and technology. Iraq and the Soviet Union are linked by a friendship and cooperation treaty. But Baghdad has been turning increasingly towards the West and in February accused Moscow of breaking arms contracts since the start of the Gulf war with neighbouring Iran.

### Turkey to discuss arms smuggling with Bulgaria

ANKARA, April 20 (A.P.) — Bulgarian Foreign Minister Peter Mladenov will arrive in the Turkish capital tomorrow for official talks on unspecified topics, at the invitation of Turkish Foreign Minister Iler Turkmen. Western diplomats and Turkish officials, who asked not to be named, said the talks were expected to centre on alleged arms smuggling to Turkish terrorists through Bulgaria. Bulgarian authorities deny the allegations. Turkish police are said to believe that arms had been shipped to Turkey from Syria, Lebanon and Bulgaria. The talks in Ankara were also expected to focus on Balkan cooperation, including Turkish-Bulgarian trade relations. Mr. Mladenov will be in Ankara through Thursday. Meanwhile, Romanian chief of staff Gen. Vasily Milea was scheduled to arrive in Turkey on Friday on a six-day official visit at the invitation of Turkish general staff headquarters. The press office of the Turkish chief of headquarters said today that Mr. Milea will confer with his Turkish counterparts on military matters and to visit Turkish military installations, before leaving on May 1.

### Qadhafi in Mauritania to promote union

NOUAKCHOTT, April 20 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi arrived here yesterday with a 140-strong delegation for a working visit after spending 24 hours in neighbouring Algeria. Col. Qadhafi, who was met at the airport by Mauritanian Head of State Mohammad Ould Ha-dalla, said he had come to show his country's support for Mauritania and to appeal for Mauritania to form a union with the West Saharan Republic. The Libyan leader first called for such a union five days ago. The republic was proclaimed by the Algerian-backed Polisario Front guerrilla movement, which is fighting Morocco for control of the desert territory, formerly Spanish Sahara. Col. Qadhafi said the creation of this union should enable the two countries to throw their weight behind a pact, also proposed by the colonel last week, which would bring together Mauritania, Algeria, Libya and the West Saharan Republic.

### Russians go disco in Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania, April 20 (A.P.) — It seemed like a reasonable idea to those in charge of youth programmes. After all, in this capital of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, where four-fifths of the land is desert and one-third of the population is nomadic, there is not much in the way of entertainment for the young. Indeed, the disco classes at the cultural centre were a big hit and a young dancer who obviously had been around a hit led the dancers through the John Travolta basics as American disco music thumped through the air. The only curious aspect of the programme was its location. The disco classes were being offered by the Soviet Cultural Centre. Apparently Soviet higher-ups thought it was more than a little curious, too, for once they got wind of it about two months ago, the three-week-long programme came to screeching halt and one of the cultural centre's employees was recalled to Moscow. When asked why the class had been cancelled, a Russian employee at the centre explained that, well, it really didn't have much to do with Russian culture. The word now is that if the Mauritians want to dance at the Soviet Cultural Centre they will have to do more traditional steps. Otherwise, they can stick to the more sober (and more Soviet) cinema programme and Russian language course.

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# ECONOMY

'We don't import ideology'

## Thatcher hears Saudi 5-year plan

RIYADH, April 20 (R) — Saudi Arabia's philosophy includes sharing its benefits with other Arabs and the world, and this means playing a stabilising role on oil pricing, Planning Minister Hisham Nazer said today.

Mr. Nazer was briefing British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the 1980-85 economic plan which includes investment of around \$300 billion in industry, other civil projects and defence.

He said the government's first role remained "to uphold Islam. Others import ideology to develop. In Saudi Arabia we do not import ideology -- we only import technology."

The country's underlying philosophy included sharing "the

blessings bestowed on Saudi Arabia" with other Arabs and the world, he said.

The text of the plan refers to a possible threat to Islam by materialism and says that despite the nation's great wealth many Saudis remain poor. But Mr. Nazer said the government provided free health care, education, subsidies on basic consumer goods, means-tested income supplements and unemployment benefit.

The policy was to ensure a minimum standard of living, he added. "The good life beyond that will have to be earned."

Saudi officials also acknowledge concern that the many non-Muslims in a foreign work force of around 1.5 million could

have an unsettling effect on this strictly Islamic nation. But they say this presence is essential for planned development.

Mr. Nazer said demand for foreign manual and expert workers would decline after the end of the current plan.

The government was seeking to encourage the private sector by providing a stable situation and ensuring the kingdom's defence. The private sector was expected to account for nearly 50 per cent of gross domestic product by 1985, he added.

Mr. Nazer said it was planned to have 10 doctors per 10,000 people by 1985, against 3.8 in 1975 and about 30 hospital beds per 10,000 people against 14 in 1970.

## Arab funds' loans total \$1.9b

BEIRUT, April 20 (R) — The eight principal Arab-dominated development funds signed loan agreements worth more than \$1.9 billion last year, almost double the 1979 total, a Beirut economic newsletter said.

The An Nahar Arab Report and Memo said the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) retained the position it achieved in 1979 as the largest lender, extending 37 loans for \$422 million in 1980.

"The IDB last year extended just over 22 per cent of the total value and the next five funds each paid out between 10 and 17 per cent," it said.

The eight funds agreed a total of 183 loans in 1980 compared with 128 in 1979. The average of

each loan was \$10.7 million.

The funds covered in the survey were the IDB, the Saudi Fund, the OPEC Fund for International Development, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Iraqi Fund for External Development, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa.

The magazine listed loans totalling \$1,911.8 million. While the share of Arab borrowers declined, that of African borrowers increased from 13 per cent of the total loans in 1979 to 27 per cent in 1980, the magazine said.

## Korea raises fuel prices

SEOUL, April 20 (A.P.) — South Koreans woke up yesterday morning to find the prices of coal and oil products had increased by as much as 20 per cent overnight.

The government announced yesterday that petrol prices had been raised by 14 per cent and coal prices had been increased by 20 per cent effective midnight Saturday. It also said electricity charges will be hiked by 10 per cent beginning Tuesday.

The government made its decision for the rate hike Saturday, but news reports of the increase were embargoed until yesterday.

Under the new price system, premium petrol will cost about \$5.67 a gallon and coal will cost 25 cents a briquet, which weighs about 10 pounds.

## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEF

### Turkey's wholesale price index falls

ANKARA, April 20 (R) — Turkey's wholesale price index, considered an accurate indicator of inflation, fell in March for the first time in about five years, trade ministry officials said today.

After rising 2.2 per cent in February, the index fell 0.8 per cent in March, bringing the year on year inflation rate down to 40 per cent, the first fall the index had registered since July 1976.

### S. Arabia, Canada discuss wheat deal

JEDDAH, April 20 (A.P.) — Canada will study a Saudi request for a long term agreement to supply high protein wheat to the Kingdom, Canadian diplomatic officials disclosed yesterday.

The agreement to study the request came out of Trade Minister Edward Lumley's three day visit to Riyadh last week where Commerce Minister Soliman Solaim, Deputy Minister of Finance Dr. Faisal Al Bashir, and Minister of Finance Mohammed Khalil Mr. Lumley also met with Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki.

Canadian embassy officials said the Saudi request will be over to the Canadian Grain Commission for review in light of contract obligations and supply commitments. A delegation of commission will return to Riyadh by late spring with their findings.

Saudi Arabia currently imports about 85 per cent of its requirements, or about 600,000 tons a year. Nearly all the grain comes from the United States or Australia, Canadian officials said.

Saudi Arabia itself produces about 132,000 tons a year, or mostly in the southern Asir province. The government has agricultural self-sufficiency a high priority in the third five year plan. Nearly all agricultural projects and farms receive government subsidies in addition to low cost long-term loans from the Saudi Agricultural Bank.

### U.S. recession recovery picks up

WASHINGTON, April 20 (A.P.) — The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 6.5 per cent in the first three months of 1981, a recovery from recession apparently picked up, the U.S. Commerce Department reported today.

It was the biggest quarterly gain since the 9 per cent recorded in the second quarter of 1978, department analysts said. However, economists inside and outside government are forecasting a quick slowdown in the growth rate over the next few months as inflation and high interest rates take their toll on consumer spending.

The "real" Gross National Product -- the inflation-adjusted measure of all goods and services -- rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.5 per cent to \$1.51 trillion in the first quarter of 1981 after 3.8 per cent in the last quarter of 1980. The inflation-adjusted measure current GNP in 1972 dollars. Without the inflation adjustment, GNP grew 14.9 per cent to an annual rate of \$2.83 trillion in the first three months of 1981, the report said.

(Reuter)

## Sydney stock 'killings' tied to bad-news leak

By Barry Moody

SYDNEY — The Australian government has run into a storm of controversy arising from the troubles of an ambitious scheme to extract oil from shale rock.

Not only is its whole energy strategy being questioned but there are allegations that a leak of information led to illegal profiteering in shares of two of the companies which have announced unexpected problems in the alternative-energy scheme.

The government came under heavy fire as soon as the three companies involved in the Rundle scheme in Queensland -- which include a subsidiary of the Exxon oil giant -- announced recently that the project's economic viability was being reappraised following technological and geological problems.

The project had been enthusias-

tically promoted by ministers and was the centrepiece of their future energy strategy, aimed at making Australia self-sufficient in fuel despite the running down of existing oil reserves.

But while the government was still defending itself against accusations that its energy policy had collapsed, the opposition labour party alleged that a leak of confidential information about the project had enabled people connected with government circles to make illegal profits on the stock market. Such insider trading, as it is known, is illegal.

Energy Minister John Carrick said in parliament that he had

been told of the problems at the Rundle project on February 18.

The government then wrote to the companies urging them to reveal their difficulties but no public announcement was made until seven weeks after Mr. Carrick was told.

The Labour Party called for an inquiry into trading patterns immediately after Feb. 18 in the two local companies, Central Pacific Minerals and Southern Pacific Petroleum, known as the Rundle twins, which were examining the project's feasibility with Esso, an Exxon subsidiary.

The local companies hold the mining leases for the shale rock and Esso is the operator. Labour claimed that on Feb. 19 more than 600,000 shares in the Rundle twins were sold, a pattern well above previous stock movements.

New South Wales Attorney-General Frank Walker announced that the State Corporate Affairs Commission -- a business watch-

dog body -- had begun an investigation into dealings on the Sydney stock exchange involving the Rundle companies.

Mr. Walker told the state parliament last week that there were strong rumours throughout the industrial community that a number of individuals had made huge "killings" amounting to millions of dollars.

Under New South Wales law, the use of privileged information unknown to other shareholders is punishable by a fine of up to 10,000 dollars (\$12,000 U.S.) or five years in jail.

Business Affairs Minister John Moore issued a statement denying an allegation on a Melbourne radio station that he owned stocks in one of the Rundle twins but saying that his three children held a thousand shares bought two years ago.

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser said in parliament he was confident none of his ministers held

any shares in the firms.

Labour has also accused ministers of misleading the public by "talking up" shares because of their initial enthusiasm for the project.

Even if the government rides out the political storm, the problems encountered at Rundle have thrown into doubt its whole future energy strategy and strengthened the arguments of critics who say its policy is too dependent on technologically-advanced and untried synthetic fuels.

Rundle was at the centre of this strategy and was a cornerstone of Australia's eagerly-awaited resources boom in the 1980s. Failure at Rundle would make prospects uncertain for half a dozen other shale projects in Queensland.

Mr. Fraser personally announced the Rundle joint venture a year ago. He said then it would eventually provide 30 per cent of Australia's oil needs.

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# Sugar-cane blues

wives not at all. Olga Stavrakis reports from Belize, Central America.

other daughters are busy grinding maize for tortillas. "The sugar-cane bonus time is a sad time for women," she says. "There is more money in the village now. More radios. More trucks. So things are getting better. But then, I don't understand why things are also so bad at the same time."

We are in a Maya Indian village of Belize, Central America. And this is now sugar-cane country. As the world price of sugar soared in the early seventies, more and more of the land here was put under cane in an attempt to cash in on the boom.

First to benefit were the larger landowners. Two farmers in Mrs. Dona Eitelvina's village saw their

incomes rise quickly from \$1,000 to \$13,000 a year. But poorer farmers also felt the benefit.

New jobs opened up in planting, cutting and loading the cane and average cash-wages tripled to \$900 a year.

Consumer goods — from radios and pick-up trucks to neon-lit bars appeared as if from nowhere. But there was a price to be paid. As more and more men took jobs in the sugar industry and more and more smallholdings were planted with cane, local food production steadily declined. In one year alone, consumption of local maize and rice declined 15 per cent and wheat imports rose 62 per cent.

Soon there was a national shortage of staple foods. "In the old days," says Mrs. Dona Eitelvina, "we were poor but there was plenty of food. Now, we have money but nothing to eat."

As sugar-cane crept over fallow lands and as men had less and less

time to "slash and burn" new fields out of the jungle, crop yields began to fall.

A field which used to lie fallow for 12 years to replenish its soil and which yielded 2,500 lbs of maize per acre, is now left fallow for only three years and yields only 900 lbs per acre.

It is the women who have paid the heaviest price. The food crops used to be brought into the home and jointly owned by the family.

Preparation, storage and distribution was the responsibility of the woman and formed the basis of her social and economic role.

Part of the crop she stored to be eaten in the months before the next harvest.

Another part she sent to needy female relatives as insurance against the time when she herself might need similar help.

The part of the crop which was spoiled by mould or parasite, she fed to pigs, turkeys, chickens and pigeons. And these animals provided not only food for the family but also economic power for the women who owned and tended them.

A pig could reach 150 lb in weight within a year and be sold for about \$48. So if a child fell ill or needed books or a new pair of shoes, the animals were like a piggy-bank on the hoof.

Some women kept four pigs at a time — adding substantially to their income, providing meat for feasts, times, and for Sunday dinner. "Poor indeed was the household that could not afford meat," says Mrs. Dona Eitelvina.

As sugar-cane took over, less and less food was brought into the home and the woman's economic and social position was gradually eroded. There was no longer enough food to give to animals and in one year alone the number of pigs in Mrs. Dona Eitelvina's village fell from 250 to less than 100.

And with them has gone much of the women's food, money, and prestige.

The loss of food crops and animals has now left women like Mrs. Dona Eitelvina almost entirely dependent on men. She no longer has her own earning power and can no longer send support to female relatives or expect it in return. The sugar money belongs to the men.

Yet the men's incomes have not risen enough to pull families out of poverty. Although the illusion of prosperity is widespread, persistently high child malnutrition shows that it is only an illusion. The male wage-earners have to be kept healthy and happy. And when it comes to the distribution of food, it is often a case of women and children last.

In the eyes of the economists in the city, development has come to this corner of Belize. Income per capita has undoubtedly risen. But who has benefited? The large landowners certainly. Some of the men maybe. But Mrs. Dona Eitelvina not at all.

images, among them bufoon-like, psychological, comical, dramatic. Before the actor was fond of using various wigs. Sometimes he even used real masks. Nevertheless the main thing is to know how to change psychologically, to know how to create a new character, a new image.

Raikin's sketches last, as a rule, for a minute or two. One can imagine what talent is required for an actor to be always convincing.

Fotokhronika TASS

(News features)

## Master of Soviet Art



Arkadi Raikin is an actor of remarkable abilities combining the talents of satirist, lyric, psychologist to sets and answers the most difficult philosophic and social problems.

Raikin is a master of reciting monologues that often called topical satire pieces on modern times. They are sounding almost like improvisation, like the thoughts just born. There is no esismism in Raikin's performing. In the words, in the way they are pronounced there is always a faith in the victory of the good over the evil.

Raikin has created a great number of different

## Blame recession, fuel costs, taxes

# London cabs have fewer flag-downs

By Michael Sheridan

LONDON — Lines of black taxis queue for fares at railway stations or cruise the West End, their yellow "for hire" signs glowing as they look for trade.

Meanwhile Lord Shinwell, a Labour Party peer in his nineties, complains to a British Sunday newspaper that he cannot get a taxi to come to his home in a north London suburb.

Lord Shinwell has to call one of London's private hire cars, on "minicabs", to take him to the House of Lords for debates.

Evidently something is amiss with the great British taxi. London has 12,500 of them, and Londoners might be forgiven for thinking they were all on the streets at once just now.

Recession, even rising fuel costs and government taxes have hit the "cabby", forcing him to work longer hours for fewer fares, says Mr.

Arnold Sandler, of the licensed taxi drivers' association.

The result, hundreds of empty cabs looking for a diminishing number of customers on London streets.

"Frankly, every time I catch a cab I resent paying these fares," said south London businessman Mr. David Shepherd as he paid one off at London's Victoria station.

"I have to use taxis because I cross town in a hurry — but I think twice about it now. It's not just the money — I'm fed up with all the extra charges — and the fact that a lot of cabs don't show the real price on the meter."

Extra charges for weekend or night travel can add over one-third to a fare.

Many Londoners have added taxi driver stories to their grumbles about the capital's pricey public transport.

"Yes, trade is quieter than before," says Mr. Sandler. "But fares a few years ago were well below what they should have been. It was a losing business."

He points out that taxi drivers have to spend two years learning London's vast and complicated geography before gaining a licence.

London's traditional black cab now costs nearly 8,000 sterling (\$18,000) to buy.

Regular inspections and overhauls to keep within the law also add to the cabby's bill. Police supervision is tight, cabbies say, and spot inspections are common.

But what galls the taxi driver most of all is government value added tax (VAT), which, unlike many other small traders, he cannot claim back from the government.

Minicabs, the drivers complain, operate without many of the strict legal and licensing controls imposed on taxis and their drivers are untrained, often arriving for a customer clutching a city guide to find the destination.

Complaints from the public about taxis, or lack of them, rise during the night.

In the early morning hours dozens of cabs cruise darkened streets, with their "for hire" signs turned off, which means they are not obliged to accept a fare.

Little knots of late-night revellers can be seen negotiating over-the-top rates with cabbies in an effort to get home to the suburbs, when drivers would prefer short-distance, high yield fares.

Often the customer is told "Sorry, mate, I'm going home" if the amount or the destination is unsatisfactory.

Not surprisingly, club and restaurant managers say customers often ask them to call a minicab instead.

Taxi drivers are beginning to adapt to customers' needs, however, with a radio system which sends the nearest available cab to the waiting customer who has telephoned a dispatcher's number.

Already 3,000 taxis have joined the new system and the number is growing all the time. It is the first effective response by London cabbies to the growth in minicab firms.

Despite the drop in custom caused by recession and fewer tourists, the cabbies still believe they have a basic captive market.

"There's always going to be the class of person who automatically takes a cab," says Mr. Sandler. "They'd have no more intention of standing freezing at a bus stop than of flying to the moon."

(Reuters)

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN  
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Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠A1073 ♠AQ982 ♠KJ72  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
3 NT Pass ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—When we are void of partner's suit, we tend to take a pessimistic view of our hand. Still, we can't help feeling that our hand has enough values to produce a slam opposite a partner who could open and then jump. We would make one more try by bidding four clubs. That can't be a cue-bid, because we have not yet agreed upon a suit and partner surely has the ace of clubs himself. If he persists with four no trump or four hearts, we would resign.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠1092 ♠A872 ♠AK93 ♠95  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?  
A.—Now that partner has rebid his spades, your support is more than adequate. There is no point in wasting time—raise to four spades. Take a demerit if you even considered a clever bid like three hearts. You don't have the values for a slam, so why confuse partner.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠QJ4 ♠AJ ♠AKQ83 ♠965  
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?  
A.—If you have a bid that describes your hand accurately, use it. The correct call is one no trump. That shows a hand that is equivalent to a one no trump opening bid—balanced, 16-18

points. An overall of two diamonds would not come close to describing the strength of your hand.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠QJ4 ♠AJ ♠AKQ65 ♠965  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ Pass Pass ?  
What do you bid now?  
A.—In the balancing seat, an overall of one no trump shows somewhat less than it does in the immediate seat—about 12-15 points. With 17 HCPs, you are too strong for that action, so you must first double and then bid no trump over any response partner might make.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠5 ♠AJ762 ♠AKQ3 ♠652  
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one club. What do you bid now?  
A.—Reverse your black suit holdings, and you might have some justification for a takeout double. But as it is, we do not think you are strong enough to first double and then bid hearts over your partner's probable spade response. However, you must get into the auction, and we would suggest an overall of one heart. If partner doesn't act over that, you haven't missed a game.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠83 ♠95 ♠KQ8742 ♠964  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass Pass  
3 ♠ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?  
A.—What started out as an unpromising hand has suddenly developed enormous potential. Partner's bidding has shown a hand just short of a demand bid, and if he has a diamond fit, as he should, you will make a lot of tricks. Tell partner about this by jumping to four diamonds. Since you could not bid two diamonds at your first turn, partner won't be expecting any more from you.

## THE BETTER HALF By Vinson



"Shopping with them is kind of fun. They form a convoy of carts and go barreling through the '6 items or fewer' checkout."

## THE Daily Crossword by Martha J. De Witt

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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ANDR ESTES POLL  
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ALLEY HURD  
REISS CARAT ANOIS  
PYRAMID TILL  
BEDLAN MOTIVATE  
AVIATE EDUCATED  
REMITIS RIESITIS

## JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Las

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DUTIA  
YEMSS  
TEANIN  
DEFILD

SOMETIMES SEEN ON CARS WHEN THE TRAFFIC HAS BEEN DENSE.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ○○○○○○ (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: BELIE HAZEL CHARGE BOTTLE  
Answer: When it comes to sports, this could be "the tale"—"ATHLETE"

## peanuts



Andy Capp



Jeff



# WORLD

In a bid to end 50-day-old hunger-strike

## Three Irish MPs visit Bobby Sands in prison

BELFAST, April 20 (R) — Three parliamentarians from the Irish Republic today visited jailed guerrilla Bobby Sands in what British authorities hoped would be an attempt to persuade him to end a 50-day-old hunger strike.

But a spokesman for the British government in Northern Ireland said after the visit that there had been no indication Mr. Sands would end his strike, which has provoked new tensions in the province.

Officials said the three MPs — Mr. Silé de Valera, Mr. Neil Blaney and Mr. John O'Connell — spent 80 minutes at the bedside of the hunger striker in the Maze prison outside Belfast.

To avoid demonstrations by Northern Ireland Protestants who are angry about the visit, its timing was kept secret. Mr. Sands, 27, has been on a hunger strike since March 1 in a campaign for Irish Republican guerrillas, who are fighting British rule in Northern Ireland, to be classified as political prisoners in the event of their being jailed.

Mr. Sands, serving a 14-year jail term for illegal possession of firearms while active with the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), was elected to the British parliament on April 10 in a by-election in the Fermanagh-South Tyrone constituency.

He received the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church over the weekend and his hunger strike has led to a series of demonstrations

by sympathisers in Northern Ireland and Dublin.

The latest was in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second biggest city, where two youths were knocked down and killed last night by a British army vehicle during an outbreak of rioting.

Police said it was an accident but some local people said the vehicle drove at speed into a crowd of demonstrators.

Before today's visit, one of the Irish MPs, Dr. O'Connell, said he would do his best to persuade Mr. Sands to call off the fast.

**Mr. Sands' speech is slurred and he is having difficulty keeping down water, relatives say.**

The position of the two other MPs, who have in the past supported the campaign for jailed IRA guerrillas to be classified as political prisoners, was less clear. A British spokesman said on Saturday that Mr. Sands had asked to see the parliamentarians.

"If Mr. Sands persists with his fast, he will die," the spokesman said. "There may be a possibility that the persons he has asked to see will be able to persuade Mr.

Sands to give up his hunger strike and for this reason it has been decided to authorise the special visit."

According to Mr. Sands' relatives, his speech is slurred and he is having difficulty keeping down the drinking water on which he is surviving.

The Roman Catholic primate of all Ireland, Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich, has urged the British government to encourage an end to the hunger strike by allowing all prisoners in Northern Ireland the option of not wearing prison clothes or doing prison work.

Similar measures helped to end another hunger strike by IRA prisoners last December, but the British authorities said such concessions were privileges which depended on detainees observing prison regulations.

In Londonderry, the local Roman Catholic bishop, Dr. Edward Daley, said today the British army had been reckless during last night's incidents and called for an inquiry into the two deaths.

He also criticised the rioters, who, according to security forces, threw more than 100 petrol bombs during the demonstrations.

In Armagh, a 28-year-old tavern keeper, Mr. Owen Macarant Smyth, appeared in a special court today charged with belonging to the IRA and conspiring to murder one of the province's most prominent protestants, Sir Norman Stronge, 86, who was assassinated with his son last January. Mr. Smyth pleaded not guilty.

During Easter mass in Philippines church

## Grenades explode, 11 killed

MANILA, April 20 (R) — Nine people were killed and many injured when two hand grenades exploded in a packed Roman Catholic church in Davao City, about 1,000 kilometres southeast of Manila, military officials said today.

One grenade exploded in the central aisle of the church during Easter Mass last night, killing three people and wounding dozens, they said.

The first grenade exploded only 10 metres from the altar of Sao Pedro Cathedral, killing two boys and a girl and wounding dozens of worshippers.

An hour later a second explosion at the main entrance killed five people and injured many more. Three of the wounded later died in hospital, police said.

Three people died in hospital from shrapnel wounds. Davao City's four hospitals were crowded with casualties and the authorities made urgent appeals for blood.

Police blocked all approaches to the city and residents were told to stay in their homes.

Officials said several suspects had been detained for questioning. The suspects were not identified.

The Mindanao National Liberation Front (MNLF) — a Muslim separatist group — and communist guerrillas of the New Peoples Army (NPA) are both active in the area.

Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile was sending Brig. Gen. Ruperto Fernandez, chief chaplain of the Philippines armed forces, to investigate the blasts, the officials said.

Meanwhile, President Ferdinand Marcos has threatened to step up government action against guerrillas in the trouble-hit south after last night's grenade attacks.

Police believed the two blasts in a Roman Catholic cathedral packed for Easter Sunday mass in Davao City, Mindanao province, were the work of communist guerrillas of the New Peoples Army (NPA).

The police regional commander, Brig. Gen. Alfredo Olano, described the attack as "part of the communist conspiracy." No group has so far claimed responsibility.

President Marcos, condemning the attack on innocent civilians, did not specify what new measures the government could take in Mindanao, where authorities are battling insurgencies by both the NPA and the Muslim secessionist Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

The attack was the third against the Roman Catholic Church in the last month.

A parish priest was shot dead by the unidentified gunmen in north-west Mindanao last week and a bishop was ambushed and seriously wounded in Davao del Norte in eastern Mindanao.

## Trade union leader held in Moscow

MOSCOW, April 20 (R) — Soviet security police have arrested a dissident trade union activist, Mr. Vsevolod Kuvakin, and he is being held in Moscow's Lefortovo prison, dissident sources said today.

Mr. Kuvakin was arrested last Tuesday and his Moscow flat was searched, the sources said.

Mr. Kuvakin is a member of an unofficial trade union called Smot the "Free Inter-professional Organisation of Workers," most of whose members have been arrested.

## India decides to reprocess nuclear fuel

NEW DELHI, April 20 (A.P.) — India has decided to reprocess U.S.-supplied nuclear fuel at Tarapur into plutonium, according to the 1980-81 annual report of the Indian Atomic Energy Commission.

The report, presented to the Indian parliament, said spent fuel from the Tarapur atomic power station — built under a 1963 Indo-U.S. nuclear agreement — would be fed into a nearby reprocessing plant after it completes the final commissioning trial.

A senior Indian official at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, near Bombay, told foreign reporters last February that India is free to reprocess the Tarapur fuel without prior U.S. permission.

He said the spent fuel, accumulating over the last decade because of continuing Indo-U.S. dispute on how it should be handled, would be reprocessed into plutonium for use in India's fast-breeder reactor programme.

## SPORTS NEWS BRIEFS

### Shekhar Mehta in Datsun wins Kenya Safari Motor Rally for fourth time

NAIROBI, April 20 (R) — Nairobi car dealer Shekhar Mehta today won the Safari Motor Rally in a works Datsun Violet GT, becoming the first driver to take the event four times. Mehta won a margin of five minutes ahead of Datsun team mate Raul Aaltonen of Finland, from whom he snatched the lead in closing stages. The Ugandan-born winner finished with 219 p. alty minutes to spearhead a Datsun works sweep of the top places in the 5,000 kilometres event in which 23 cars finished, won previously in 1973, 1979 and 1980. Aaltonen lost his when officials wiped off time penalties originally imposed on other drivers, including Mehta, who were delayed by a swollen river in the central Kenya highlands last night.

### Provisional final placings:

1. Shekhar Mehta (Kenya) Datsun Violet GT, 219 (penalty in minutes).
2. Rauno Aaltonen (Finland) Datsun Violet GT, 224.
3. Mike Kirkland (Kenya) Datsun Violet 160U, 291.
4. Timo Salonen (Finland) Datsun 511U, 448.
5. Jochi Kleint (West Germany) Opel Ascona 400, 486.
6. Jean Claude Lefebvre (France) Peugeot 504 Coupe, 512.
7. Yoshio Iwasahia (Japan) Datsun 511U, 611.
8. Jayant Shah (Britain) Datsun PA10, 630.
9. Alain Ambrosino (France) Peugeot 504 Coupe, 770.
10. Malcolm Smith (U.S.) Dodge Ramcharger, 798.

### Monte Carlo Open finals postponed

MONTE CARLO, April 20 (A.P.) — The championship match in the \$50,000 Monte Carlo Open Tennis Tournament was postponed today until early June after a downpour interrupted a final between Jimmy Connors and Guillermo Vilas with the final set score knotted at 5-5. Organisers of the tournament, the major European clay court event of the season, said the postponement had been requested by Connors. They said the 21-year-old American, tournament favourite after the first-round elimination of Bjorn Borg of Sweden, wanted to return to United States to prepare for a tournament next week in Dallas. The new date will be after the French Open, probably June 8 or tournament organisers said.

### Disco dancers set world record

BARNSTAPLE, England, April 20 (A.P.) — Nursing sore feet Babs Spear and Bridget Pow claimed a new world disco-dance record today after rocking around the clock for 349 hours in nightspot here. The two women claimed to have shattered the previous Guinness Book of Records mark, set last year in the United States, by seven hours while raising £1,000 (\$2,200) for local hospital. "The only real problem was keeping awake," said Miss Spear, 27. "A lot of people said we couldn't do it, but we were always confident."

## Red Cross urges immediate rescue operation

# Floods threaten 10,000 lives in central Somalia

MOGADISHU, April 20 (R) — At least 10,000 people will die in the next few days in central Somalia, which has been hit by the worst floods in years, unless a massive rescue operation is launched immediately, Red Cross officials said today.

The flash floods in Hiran Province, which have followed months of severe drought, threaten the lives of 40,000 Somalis and more than 30,000 refugees from the Ethiopian-administered Ogaden, the officials said.

"The situation cannot be more serious. Even if we can take some people out, there will be at least 10,000 deaths in the next few days unless massive emergency relief efforts are launched immediately," Canadian Red Cross Doctor Andre Gosselin said.

Dr. Gosselin, who had just returned to Mogadishu from the stricken area, said the floods began six days ago and had already caused a disaster of major proportions.

Four refugee camps had been cut off and a worst hit, Cocaney camp 18 kilometres from district capital of Belet Uen, three quarters of a camp was under water up to two metres deep.

Dr. Gosselin said some 10,000 refugees in aney and nearby flooded camps could only be bailed by wading for several kilometres through odwaters hiding deep gullies and acacia thorn. will be impossible for the children and the sick make it."

The authorities in Belet Uen had ordered a total evacuation of its 40,000 population as well from the swollen Shebelli River threatened to sway the last bridge leading out of the town added.

Aid officials said only two boats were available the area and a senior official of the United Nat High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), Tom Barnes, said his organisation was investigating the possibility of trucking boats into the area evacuate camps.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### High levels of radioactivity in Japan

TOKYO, April 20 (R) — Abnormally high levels of radioactivity on the seabed near a nuclear power plant in western Japan were probably caused by a previously unreported overflow of radioactive water from the plant, parliament was told today. Mr. Hiroshi Takahashi, an official of the government energy agency, told parliament that the Tsuruga power plant had not reported an overflow of radioactive waste water from a sludge storage tank at a radioactive waste disposal unit on March 8. Last Saturday the agency said it had detected uncommon amounts of radiation in seabed soil and weeds some 700 metres from the Japan atomic power company plant on Urazoko Bay. He said the agency would continue questioning the company over its control systems. The local Fukui prefectural government said fish caught in the bay were completely free from contamination. International Trade Minister Rokusuke Tanaka said today that his ministry would make safety checks on all 22 nuclear power plants in Japan.

### Court freezes Bhutto's property

KARACHI, April 20 (R) — A high court has ordered the family of executed Pakistan prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto not to dispose of his property, the family lawyer said today. The Sind High Court issued the order yesterday following a government suit for the recovery of \$20,000 rupees (\$83,000) which it alleged Mr. Bhutto misappropriated when he was president and later prime minister, the lawyer said. The suit charged that the executed leader had "dishonestly misappropriated huge sums from the secret service funds and had issued false certificates required under the law." The order stopped two widows, two sons and two daughters of Mr. Bhutto from transferring or selling his property, including lands, houses, arms and ornaments, the lawyer, Mr. Abdul Hafeez Lakho, reported.

### 150 Indian prisoners end 'fast unto death'

NEW DELHI, April 20 (A.P.) — An indefinite hunger strike by nearly 150 convicts here serving long sentences for murders has ended after authorities ordered a magisterial inquiry into the death of a fellow prisoner, an official said. The convicts — who earlier threatened to continue their "fast unto death" unless six prison officials were arrested — alleged that the prisoner, Madan Lal, was beaten to death by the jailors. Local press reports said the trouble began when Lal, 28, who was serving a five-year sentence for murder, told his jailors Thursday evening that he wanted to spend more time outside his jail cell than normally allowed to prisoners. A warden reportedly abused Lal when he made his request. The prisoner stopped the jailor but was then attacked by other jail staffers. In the fight, Lal whipped out a knife, apparently fashioned from a prison iron bar, and stabbed at least two men. The jailors beat him severely and later the prisoner complained of pain in his chest and began vomiting, the report said. He was rushed to a local hospital but died shortly after midnight. Police said in his deathbed statement Lal accused six jailors of assaulting him and that a post-mortem showed "he was beaten with a blunt instrument."

## Admits hoax was 'inexcusable'

# Washington Post eats its words after fake story wins Pulitzer

WASHINGTON, April 20 (R) — The Washington Post, famous for its Watergate disclosures that led to the resignation of President Nixon, has turned its investigative spotlight on itself and found its shortcomings over a bogus prize-winning story "inexcusable."

The independent daily newspaper, which had already apologised to its readers in an editorial, said the story about an eight-year-old heroin addict was a lie.

The vividly written story by a Post reporter had won a Pulitzer Prize, most coveted of U.S. journalism awards, last week before the truth was discovered. The prize was returned.

In a report over five pages of the Sunday Post, the newspaper's ombudsman, or readers' representative, concluded: "Warning signals were ignored. "Senior editors were uninformed.

"Competition for prizes clouded good judgment. "A young talent was pushed too fast.

"Absolute trust in a reporter was betrayed.

"A skilled news organisation had a temporary lapse.

"The paper's single most important asset — its credibility — was exposed to ridicule."

The Post's ombudsman, Mr. Bill Green, said the story had humiliated the newspaper — "proud house of Watergate investigations" — and its readers were owed an accounting of its spectacular failure.

Mr. Green based his report on interviews with 47 people, most of them members of the Post's staff.

But he did not interview Miss Janet Cooke, the 26-year-old reporter who tearfully admitted the falsity of her story under tough questioning.

Miss Cooke resigned immediately, and Mr. Green said, "she refused to see me."

Mr. Green concluded that blame for the episode was widely spread. "Beginning of course, with Janet Cooke, everybody who touched this journalistic felony, or who should have touched it and didn't, was wrong. "It was a complete systems failure, and there's no excuse for it," he said.

## New whites-only party formed in Zimbabwe

SALISBURY, April 20 (R) — Mr. Andre Holland, head of a new whites-only party in Zimbabwe, today announced his first appointments to its leadership, all of them political unknowns.

Mrs. Rony Roberts, an attractive mother of three, was named as vice-president of the new Democratic Party and her husband David was appointed to the party's executive committee. Mr. Holland told reporters, A Salisbury businessman, Mr. Alan Thomas, also joined the committee.

Mr. Holland resigned from the Rhodesian Front (RF) party of

ex-prime minister Ian Smith earlier this month, accusing it of failing to represent properly the 200,000 white minority.

"The whites cannot just sit on the fence and play no significant part in their own future," Mr. Roberts told reporters today. "They must support the government to improve Zimbabwe and at the same time have a platform from which their views can be aired."

The Democratic Party's first test is expected soon when it challenges the RF for the seat vacated by Mr. Holland when he resigned.

## Black-child murderer claims 24th victim

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 20 (R) — The body of a missing black boy was found in a river south of here today, the 24th black youngster to die in mysterious circumstances in the Atlanta area in the last 21 months.

Police named the boy as Joseph "Jojo" Bell, 15, who was last seen on March 2. Medical authorities used dental records to identify him because the body had apparently been in the water for several weeks.

The cause of death will not be announced until after a post-mortem tomorrow. Bell is the latest known victim in a string of unsolved child killings which began in July 1979. Another Atlanta child is still missing.

The body was found in the South River where two previous victims were discovered, police said.

Bell's disappearance was being investigated by the Atlanta police department's special task force on missing and murdered children. The boy was last seen at a restaurant where he did odd jobs.

# Rioting in Yugoslavia: not a tempest in a teacup

By Slobodan Lazarevic

BELGRADE — Rioting by Albanian nationalists who clashed with police in the southeastern Yugoslav province of Kosovo has alarmed this multi-national country's leaders.

They declared a state of emergency, the first in communist Yugoslavia's history, and drafted in riot police and army units from outside to restore order. In the most serious disturbances last week 11 people were killed and 57 injured.

During protests in Pristina, Kosovo's capital, and other towns students chanting nationalist slogans took to the streets and occupied university buildings.

The demonstrations were sparked by complaints about living conditions at the university. They took on nationalist overtones as workers joined student rioters and the protest spread through the province, which has a predominantly ethnic Albanian population.

When the first demonstrations occurred on March 11, the response of the provincial and national governments was to play down their serious effects.

But after last week's violence the response was an all-out media campaign to pin the blame on nationalist forces determined to break up the country.

Kosovo officials said firearms

were used against the police in the wave of demonstrations, the first public political disturbances since President Tito died last May.

A senior national official referred to the brutality and hostility of those who organised the protests.

Eye-witnesses said the slogans at the latest demonstration complained of oppression suffered by ethnic Albanians in Yugoslavia, particularly those living outside Kosovo.

There is a large Albanian community, estimated at more than 200,000, living in the southern Republic of Macedonia which borders Albania.

The demands included greater press freedom and republican status for Kosovo. The province, the country's poorest region, now has autonomous status within Serbia, the largest of Yugoslavia's six constituent republics.

The official response was that to grant republican status would lead to a dismemberment of the Yugoslav Federation and that it would not be granted.

In a series of official statements after the declaration of a state of emergency, federal and provincial leaders condemned the demonstrations as nationalist, separatist, and counter-revolutionary and aimed at undermining the country's unity.

Officials said the riots were organised by a handful of internal

enemies helped by hostile emigres ranging from fascists to Stalinists who tried to mislead students, workers and the rest of the population.

The Yugoslavs are sensitive to any sign of extreme nationalism in a federation comprising many nationalities with cultural and religious differences and a history of antagonism.

In present-day Yugoslavia, forged by President Tito on the principles of national equality and unity, six republics and two autonomous provinces enjoy large degrees of decentralised power.

For political reasons and because of strong resistance to the new communist regime immediately after the war, backward and predominantly Muslim-Albanian Kosovo had to wait until the mid-1960s to get full autonomy.

Since then the province has received a big injection of federal funds and foreign credits to promote rapid industrialisation. A quick revival of Albanian culture and national identity was officially tolerated.

The province, nevertheless, has a record of political unrest, dating back to a violent student protest in 1968.

Sources in Pristina said many families of Serbian, Montenegrin, Macedonian and other nationalities had moved out of Kosovo in recent years as a result of the upsurge in nationalism

among the majority Albanian. This and the high birth of the ethnic Albanians increased their majority from per cent to 80 per cent of the million Kosovo population the past two decades.

Despite federal aid and signs of modernisation, the vine still lags behind the rest of the country in employment, ductivity and income.

"The gap between us Yugoslav industrialised region the north and northeast cannot be bridged in a short period Kosovo official said.

After the demonstrations, officials repeatedly stressed public that one of the major aims was to strengthen the shakening confidence of nationalities living Kosovo.

They also warned that authorities would deal with any nationalist outbursts anywhere in Yugoslavia.

Local leaders told meetings the provincial Communist Party had shown weakness and inefficiency during the riots.

"We will analyse everything someone is found responsible will have to pay for it," a party official said.

A big campaign to explain true hostile nature of the demonstrations was to be launched Kosovo, he added.

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